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HATED STRIPES GO

Inmates of Missouri Penitentiary Appear in Citizens' Clothes

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 13.—For the first time since the Missouri Penitentiary was established, more than seventy-five years ago, the male convicts appeared this morning dressed in civilized clothing, the hated stripe having been changed for light blue clothing at 6 a. m. Only about 100 convicts out of the 2,279 male inhabitants of the prison were still wearing stripes. These men will all be released within the next few days, or a few weeks, at most, and as the State will then furnish them citizens' clothing, it was not deemed expedient to go to the expense of an additional suit.

ROOSEVELT STARTS FOR CAIRO MARCH 9

Gondokoro, Soudan, on the Upper Nile, Feb. 14.—Colonel Roosevelt and others of the Smithsonian African Scientific Expedition are expected here Wednesday. The launch of General Sir Reginald Wingate, Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, is waiting to convey the party to Khartoum. The trip down the Bar El-Jebel and the White Nile will be begun Thursday or Friday, and Khartoum should be reached about March 6. Three days later the voyage down the river Nile to Cairo will begin.

MAIL WEIGHING.

On Thursday morning the mail weighing in this district was commenced.

The work is largely done by mail clerks and subs who run in the mail cars.

J. L. Lane has charge of the weighing at the station at Monett.

PORK RECORD REACHED

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Hogs at \$10! The highest price for "pork on the hoof" since the Civil war is being realized on the Chicago market today. Prices for prime hogs ranged from \$9.20 to \$10 with the prospect that no hogs will be obtainable under the latter figure within three weeks.

Eastern markets were clamoring for 2,000 head and Chicago packers assert they cannot denude the Chicago market of hogs to meet the eastern demand under the price mentioned.

THE TROUBADOURS.

The entertainment by The Troubadours, for the benefit of the base ball club was given at the opera house Wednesday night.

In spite of the drifted condition of the walks about 150 people braved the storm and felt amply repaid for their trouble. The program, Miss Helen Harkness, is very fine and the music by four gifted musicians was of a high order.

After the entertainment seven teen couples enjoyed a social dance.

SMALL ATTENDANCE.

On account of the unusual snow fall Wednesday the schools have been very poorly attended, but the work has gone on as usual.

In the high school only about fifty per cent were present Thursday morning. In the primary room at the Central building there were but ten children and in room No. 2 there were seven teen pupils. The other grades averaged about fifty per cent.

VAN NOY COMPANY TO LEAVE FRISCO

Fred Harvey to Control Privileges On All Passenger Trains

The Van Noy News company which has operated on trains over the Frisco since the consolidation of the Kansas, Ft. Scott and Memphis and the Frisco several years ago, will leave the system on March 10. The Van Noy company will be succeeded by Fred Harvey who has secured the contract to sell newspapers, fruit, magazines, books, etc., for a number of years.

The Frisco leases the privilege of selling newspapers and edibles on their passenger trains to the lowest bidder, similar to the way contracts for the transportation of express matter are awarded. The Fred Harvey people underbid the Van Noy News company this year and were given the contract. The Van Noy company will still continue to operate on the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain systems.

The selling of newspapers, sandwiches, etc., on railroad trains is a new departure for the Harvey interests. Heretofore, only eating houses at stations on the Frisco and cafe cars have been conducted. It is claimed that the Harvey people can make the contract to sell on railroad trains a better paying proposition because of the fact that the goods to be sold to passengers are carried in stock at the eating houses over the system.

The contract which the Van Noy News company has held so long called for privileges on over seven thousand miles of tracks of the Frisco. The company does not operate lunch rooms in any of the passenger stations of the Frisco as this privilege is held by Fred Harvey. The Van Noy people have a depot here for the cars of their goods and this probably will be transferred to Kansas City. The affairs of the company are being checked up preparatory to leaving the Frisco.—Springfield Leader.

ARKANSAS FARM BRINGS \$12,000

Rogers, Ark., Feb. 14.—A real estate deal of considerable magnitude was closed here today when Adams and Christopher of Rogers transferred to W. E. Beane of Washington, Kan., the property known as the C. C. Gay place, containing 100 acres and lying on the northern outskirts of the city. The consideration paid was \$12,000.

IS IT THE OLDEST APPLE TREE

Liberty, Mo., Feb. 13.—Joseph Panther of Missouri City, near here, is the owner of the oldest and largest apple tree in the state, according to statistics gathered by Samuel D. Nowlin, who is an old resident of Missouri and interested in old trees. The tree is more than 60 years old. It measures eight feet seven inches in circumference. The body is short, being the right height for a perfect apple tree. The tree bore apples more than fifty-five years ago, Mr. Nowlin says.

BOUGHT A FARM

D. E. Brite, the dairyman, this week concluded a deal by which he becomes the owner of the T. Hopkins farm on the Monett-Peirce City road. This is a valuable piece of land and Mr. Brite will move to the place in a couple of months.

Mr. Brite expects to close out his dairy business in a short time.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN

Peirce City Pupils Entertained at Monett

The young ladies of the Senior class of the Monett high school entertained the Peirce City Seniors at the Woodmen hall Monday evening.

The affair was in the nature of a valentine reception. The double hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In the east room were used the Monett senior colors, purple and white and in the west room they used the Peirce City seniors' colors, red and white.

A long dining table occupied the center of one room and festoons of colored hearts reached from the ceiling to the center of the table. An abundance of cut flowers added to the effect.

On the walls various humorous nottos appropriate to St. Valentine were suspended. Pennants from various schools and colleges also adorned the walls.

A game of proposals in which the gentlemen engaged in a contest for the ladies' hearts, occasioned much merriment. Curtis Foster was lucky in winning the most hearts.

In a guessing game of heroes and heroines Mrs. Blaine made the best record.

A delicious luncheon was served in which the color scheme, red and white, was carried out. Mrs. A. B. Downs, Mrs. John Moses, Mrs. Sam Clutter and Miss Olla Draper assisted in serving.

Besides the Peirce City young people there were present the high school teachers, the Monett Seniors and their friends.

The affair was carried through successfully and all enjoyed the occasion very much.

The visitors from Peirce City were Misses Louise Biddlecome, Louise Parry, Hallie Moore, Marie Ryan, Grace Jorum, Helen and Florence Brashear, Marie Larkin, Maggie Wallace, Nadine Edwards, Elizabeth Allen, Mary McReynolds, Messrs. Clifford Purdy and Landon Vance.

LOST

Lost, strayed, stolen, wandered away, or forgot to come back. Where is my wandering cat tonight. On or about 8 p. m. Sunday evening, my little left its bed and board for parts unknown to me. It is a medium sized young cat, Maltese in nationality, American in training, kind and docile in manner, playful in disposition, very agreeable, and a mouser from all generations. One white spot under chin, slim tail with hair tinged off end. Any information leading to the recovery of my cat will be thankfully received. MAURIE STEVENS.

Father Given—Your daughter seems far from robust. I notice, Patrick. She looks rather wan-faced. O'Brien—Beggara, ver reverence, an' is it two-faced ye'd want her to be looking?—Boston Transcript.

CHILD SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Wednesday afternoon Frances, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Moore was seriously burned.

Mrs. Moore had just left the rooms over the Times office where the family live, when the child sat down on the hearth of a wood stove. Her clothing caught fire and her little brother ran screaming for help. When Mrs. Moore reached the child the flames were over her head. When the fire was extinguished she was found to be badly burned on her back and arms and is in a serious condition.

THE MISSION OF THE A. H. T. A.

Fully two-thirds of the members of the A. H. T. A. do not fully understand what the order really is. "I have belonged to the Antis two years and have not had a thing stolen yet. I do not see any use of me paying dues for nothing," remarked a member to an officer of the order some time ago. That's man's idea of the A. H. T. A. was indeed limited. He had given little or no thought to the real principles of the order. He looked upon it merely as a detective organization. His Anti-ism was so shallow it covered only one principle. But alas there are many other Antis just like him. He thought because the detective feature of the order was the only conspicuous one, it was the only one. When the order chased down a thief and brought him to jail, this Anti could see that act with his eyes and fully comprehended the act; but when the fear of the order caused a disreputable rascal to leave the locality, this Anti never thought to give the order any credit for the riddance. If fear of the order caused a thief to pass his barn by, and go to some other locality to select a horse from a man not connected with the order, that Anti would not see the act with his eyes, hence did not realize that the order had been of any benefit to him. If a criminal should learn from the Anti the lesson that "it never pays to do wrong," and turns to a better life, that Anti would not stop or consider that he and his family and all the neighbors had been benefited by this influence. He would probably not see any connection between the order and the thief's conversion.

The greatest work of the A. H. T. A. is in a measure invisible, therefore not readily understood or appreciated. "Protection" is the biggest object of the order. In fact, it is the only object named in the preamble of the national constitution. "For the protection of ourselves against the depredations of thieves, robbers and other criminals," is the way the preamble of the national constitution reads, and in order to secure that protection the members pledge themselves to co-operate with the civil officers in bringing law violators to justice and in recovering stolen property. The detective feature of the order is only the means to the end. Thru it we obtain protection, the real object for which the order established. Thru it we bring about quietness, safety and peace in the community, and we are permitted to enjoy the fruits of our own labors unmolested by those who seek to live by the sweat of other men's brows. Thru it we drive from the community men who not only do wrong things themselves but lead others to do wrong, and whose very lives have an evil influence upon the community. That brings about the condition which the preamble to our state constitution says we are organized for when it uses these words: "In order to insure the safety of our people and the security of our property against loss by thieves, robbers and other violators of the laws, and to secure to us and our families the enjoyment of life and pursuit of happiness in the possession of our honest rewards of labor, etc." The Anti who complains that he need not longer belong to the order because he has nothing stolen has mistaken the

means for the end. He does not realize that at that very moment he is enjoying to the fullest extent the very blessings which the order was intended to bring upon its members. Not realizing this, he loses interest in the order, ceases to attend its meetings, and lapses from membership. Governments are organized for the same identical purpose, yet when we are enjoying peace, quietness and are happy he would be unwilling to disband the government or to give up his citizenship. The actions of such an Anti proves an exception to one of the most prominent laws of human life. Success in all walks of life and in all commercial affairs as an impetus to greater growth, greater prosperity and greater achievements; but success in accomplishing the objects for which the A. H. T. A. was organized brings about lack of interest, lack of appreciation, lack of attendance at the meetings, and the dissolution of the local lodge.

The A. H. T. A. was established for our common good. It is "our" organization, established and maintained for "our" good, for the protection of "ourselves" "our families and our homes." In it we each have a duty to perform. It is not our object or ambition to make a spectacular show in an exciting chase after a wild-eyed criminal. The order has fully demonstrated that it can chase and catch criminals if it needs to, but we all hope, and conduct our efforts in such a way that there may not be occasion for many, if any, such cases. That lodge which can report "all is well in our jurisdiction" is achieving its greatest objects and is to be congratulated upon its great success.—A. H. T. A. Weekly News.

RAILROADERS VICTIMS OF SWINDLING CONCERN

According to A. C. Hayward, a local attorney, a "kangaroo" organization in Kansas City doing a collection business has been fleecing Frisco employees at Springfield and other points by wholesale by means of fictitious "garnishee" orders for small sums which they prepare and mail to their victims. Mr. Hayward returned last night from Kansas City, where he went to investigate the case of a client who was about to be duped by the concern.

The plan of operation of the collection agency is to issue fake garnishee orders on accounts sent them for collection and send them to the persons alleged to be debtors. In many instances, it is said, the garnishees have been issued without any debt upon which to base, the organization trusting to the natural dislike of their intended victims to appear in court or defend their interests for the amount of money at stake which is never a large sum. It is said that the particular firm in question has a number of attorneys in its employ, and that every trick of law is enlisted in their aid. The scheme is so devised, it is declared, that it is hardly possible for the officers of the company to be punished.—Springfield Republican.

L. E. LINES HONORED

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Concord Piano company at Chicago, L. E. Lines of the Lines Temple of Music of this city, was elected vice president of the concern, one of the largest manufacturers of pianos in America.—Springfield Republican.

Mrs. Julia Brown returned Monday from a visit at Purdy.

LOCAL NEWS.

Benton Robbins of Cassville was in the city the first of the week.

Chas. King and family of Purdy, visited in Monett Tuesday.

Mr. Burrey of Springfield, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Barnes. Mrs. Thos. Burns, of Springfield, is visiting relatives in Monett.

J. P. Williams is suffering with the grip.

Miss Sybil Bennett is ill this week.

John Hoberg has recovered from an attack of throat trouble and is able to return to work.

James Williams of Newton, is spending the day with his daughter, Mrs. Frank House.

W. E. Blankenship has been sick for the past few weeks, but is proving nicely.

Misses Pearl Osborn and Susan Bushner of Neosho, are spending the day with Miss Cora House north of town.

Mrs. J. S. Farrow's Sunday School class of young ladies gave a valentine social at her home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Draper returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at St. Joseph.

Sherman Oney and Gladden Granger visited friends in Peirce City Sunday night.

Mrs. C. Grover will leave Wednesday for a visit with her parents at St. Joseph.

Miss Anna Merri's has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Hoyt White, at Tulsa, Ok.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fly left Monday night for St. Louis to remain for several weeks.

Mrs. Rakestraw has returned to her home at Newtonia after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Fly.

Herman Felwick died at his home near Freistatt Monday night of dropsy. The funeral will probably be held Wednesday.

Orville Vermillion, who had a severe attack of muscular rheumatism, is now able to be up and is improving rapidly.

Clarence A. Stevens, son of Rev. Stevens, who has been employed by the Frisco railroad at Enid, Okla., is spending a few days at home.

Jas. W. Jones, of the Jones Printing Company of Mt. Vernon, visited at the Times office Tuesday morning on his way to Cassville.

Mrs. J. J. Lauterdale has returned from a visit to her sister, Dr. Pearl McCormick at Memphis, Tenn.

Express Messenger Claud Campbell has returned to work after a week's lay-off on account of sickness.

Four new engines for use on the eastern division of the Frisco arrived in St. Louis yesterday. Two are "1200" engines for freight service, and the others are "1000" Pacific type passenger locomotives. They will be taken to Springfield about Thursday.

I. H. Dunlap is in Springfield called by the serious illness of his mother, who has paralysis and is expected to live but a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gasaway, of Lebanon are expected this week to visit their daughter, Mrs. T. Y. Tennyson.

Mrs. J. T. Clinton received a message this week stating that her brother, Jerome Matlock, formerly of Afton, Ok., was seriously ill in California.

FOR SALE.—A choice lot of barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels. 19-5 p. Mrs. D. R. THOMAS. Phone 903-11. Monett, Mo. R. 1.

C. C. Mills is having plans drafted for a new concrete dwelling to be built east of his present home. The new house will be modern in all particulars and Mr. Mills will use it for his residence.